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Board of Examination and Registration of Architects

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CONTINUING EDUCATION

EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 31, 2003

Continuing Education will be required for the first time with the individual renewals that are due to expire on December 31, 2003.

This requirement was previously outlined in the Board's Spring and Fall 2002 newsletters.

A few quick reminders:

- You need 24 continuing education units (CEU's) every two years of which 16 must be health safety and welfare (HSW).
- A continuing education unit is equal to one contact hour.
- The 24 CEU's of which 16 must be HSW must be completed at the time of renewal on December 31, 2003 if registered before December 31, 2001.
- The period to obtain the 24 CEU's of which 16 must be HSW is January 1, 2002 through December 31, 2003.
- Only those architects chosen at random audit will be required to send in proof of compliance.
- If you received your initial registration after January 1, 2002, your 24 CEU's must be obtained prior to renewal on December 31, 2005.
- If you received reciprocal registration between January 1, 2002 and December 31, 2003, you are required to have 1 CEU per month prior to first renewal.

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Continuing Education Continued

• Health Safety and Welfare – The National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) has published a revised definition of Health Safety and Welfare* in February 2002 as follows: An architect promotes the health, safety and welfare of the public by planning and designing buildings, structures, and spaces within and surrounding such buildings and structures, that:

- minimize the risk of injury to persons or property, and comply with all applicable building and safety codes;
- are durable, environmental friendly, cost effective and conserve resources;
- are aesthetically appealing;
- function properly in all relevant respects; and
- enhance the public's overall sense of well-being, harmony and community, and integrate effectively with the surrounding environment.

An architect shall prefer the client's interests over the architect's interests and, when the issues are clear, the public's interest over both.

* See *Berman v. Parker*, 348 U.S. 26 (1954) in which the Supreme Court stated that: "The concept of the public welfare is broad and inclusive....The values it represents are spiritual as well as physical, aesthetic as well as monetary. It is within the power of legislation to determine that the community should be beautiful as well as healthy, spacious as well as clean, well-balanced as well as carefully patrolled."

• Rules of the Board for Continuing Education – The Board is preparing for their first audit of Continuing Education that will be required for the renewals due to expire on December 31, 2003. The Board has developed an explanation of why continuing education is necessary and criteria for acceptability of Continuing Education Credit for Registration. The Board will be holding a public hearing to amend their *Rules* to include this information.

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORIZATION (COA)

Effective approximately January 1, 1998, legislation was approved and passed (Title 5, Chapter 1, Section 15.1) that requires Sole Proprietorships, Partnerships or Corporations to be certified to practice or to offer to practice

architecture in the State of Rhode Island by obtaining a Certificate of Authorization (COA) by this Board. Therefore, **Individual registration and Certificate of Authorization are required for practice.** For qualifications to practice or offer to practice as a sole proprietorship, partnership or corporation in the State of Rhode Island, please visit the Board's website, www.bdp.state.ri.us click "architects" - "General Laws" – Section 15.1. You may also download the application for Certificate of Authorization at this website.

UPDATE ON LEGISLATION

Legislation became effective July 28, 2002 to allow all professions **including architects** listed under Rhode Island General Laws (7-5.1-2) to elect to form either a limited liability company (LLC) and/or a limited liability partnership (LLP). This act also provides for the conversion of general partnerships to LLC's. The Board has introduced legislation into the last session of the general assembly to incorporate LLC's and LLP's in our statute. **This legislation was not acted upon and will be introduced again in January 2004.**

ARCHITECTS AND ARCHITECTURAL FIRMS LISTED ON THE WEBSITE

Architects and architectural firms who are currently licensed and certified to practice or offer to practice architecture in the State of Rhode Island are listed at the Board's website. Please check this website to make sure that the Board has your current mailing address so that correspondence sent to you is not delayed. This website is updated on a monthly basis.

BOARD'S ACTIVITIES

(September 30, 2002 – September 30, 2003)

1. Number of Candidates applied for exam:	7
2. Number of Architects registered by exam:	5
3. Number of reciprocal registrations:	118
4. Number of COA's issued:	101
5. Number of complaints investigated: (7 closed and 4 pending).	11
6. Number of disciplinary actions taken:	0

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

In May 2003, the Board elected new officers as listed above. The Board members are happy to report that two of its five members are serving on NCARB committees. James R. Carlson is serving on the *ARE Structures Committee*. Mark Saccoccio is serving on the *Procedures and Documents Committee* as well as serving as *Secretary/Treasurer* for the New England Conference of Architectural Registration Boards (NECARB).

All membership terms expire on April 1, 2004. Vice Chair Yates and Mr. Saccoccio are serving out their last term and cannot be reappointed to the Board. The Governor, with the advice and consent of the senate, fills vacancies occurring in this membership. If you are interested in being appointed to this Board, you must direct your interest to the Office of the Governor, State House, Providence, RI 02903. The other remaining members are eligible for reappointment.

ACTIVE EXAMINATION CANDIDATES

The Board has been involved in keeping in contact with the intern development program (IDP) and architectural registration examination (ARE) candidates. The Board has received a list from the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) of all of the active members of IDP in this state. The Board will correspond with the IDP and ARE candidates giving them information about the services of the Board and where they can direct any questions, if any.

CONGRATULATIONS

NEWLY REGISTERED ARCHITECTS (October 1, 2002 – September 30, 2003)

The Rhode Island Board of Examination and Registration of Architects wishes to extend congratulations to the following individuals who have passed their Architectural Registration Examination (ARE):



Jonathan P. Chambers, License #2913
Paul R.V. Pawlowski, License#2914
David M. Berryman, License #2997
Virginia L. Branch, #3007
Michael S. O'Meara, #3029

ARCHITECT EMERITUS

In September 2002, the Board amended their *Rules of the Board* to include a status of *Architect Emeritus*. This is an *honorary title* issued to a retired architect who is prohibited from practicing architecture in the State of Rhode Island. Anyone interested in this *honorary title* may submit a letter to the Board requesting this status. After approval by the Board there will be a one-time \$50 fee due.

NCARB–Architectural Registration Examination

Scoring Results Summary			
January 1, 2003 – June 30, 2003			
Division	Number in RI	RI % Pass	National % Pass
Pre-Design	4	100%	77%
Site Planning	6	100%	70%
Bldg Planning	3	33%	71%
Bldg Technology	3	100%	68%
General Structures	4	75%	74%
Lateral Forces	4	100%	92%
Mech & Elec Sys	4	100%	75%
Materials & Methods	7	100%	87%
Const. Docs & Svcs	9	89%	86%

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Individual Renewal Reminder!

Individual Registrations expire on **December 31, 2003**. As a courtesy to registrants, renewal applications along with random continuing education audit forms will be mailed approximately the last week of October 2003. If chosen at random audit, you will be required to send in proof of compliance with your renewal application. The renewal application must be postmarked by December 31st. Any application postmarked after that date will be returned for a \$100 late fee. All registrations are renewed on a biennial basis (even odd years). It is the registrant's responsibility to ensure that his or her registration is current. If you do not receive a renewal application in the mail by mid-December, one may be downloaded at the



Board's website www.bdp.state.ri.us.

**THE RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EXAMINATION AND
REGISTRATION OF ARCHITECTS IS HERE TO SERVE AND
PROTECT THE HEALTH SAFETY AND WELFARE OF THE
PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND.**

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS, PLEASE
CONTACT THE BOARD AT THE RESOURCES PROVIDED ON
THE FRONT PAGE OF THIS NEWSLETTER.**